

CLAIMS

What is Claimed:

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1. A method for purchasing a recorded music item comprising the following steps:
- a) recording data related to a music item playing on a radio;
 - b) transmitting said data to a music identification/purchasing system;
 - c) receiving purchasing information from said music identification/purchasing system related to said music item;
 - 10 d) transmitting at least one music item selection and payment information to said music identification/purchasing system; and
 - e) receiving said at least one music item selection.
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2. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step, after step b and before step c, of identifying said music item by comparing the time said music item was recorded with a play list from a designated music station.
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3. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 1, wherein said data includes at least a time, a date, and either a station frequency and a location of said station or a four letter station identification code.
4. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 1, wherein said data is transmitted to said music identification/purchasing system by means of the Internet.
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5. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 1, wherein said data is transmitted to said music identification/purchasing system by means of a telephone.
6. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 1, wherein said purchasing information is received by means of the Internet.

7. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 1, wherein said purchasing information is received by mail.

8. The method for purchasing and recorded music item has recited in claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said at least one music item selection is accomplished over the Internet.

9. The method for purchasing and recorded music item has recited in claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said at least one music item selection is accomplished by mail.

10. A method for purchasing a recorded music item comprising the following steps:

- a) recording a segment of music playing on a radio;
- b) transmitting said recorded segment to a music identification/purchasing system;
- c) receiving purchasing information from said music identification/purchasing system;
- d) transmitting at least one music item selection and payment information to said music identification/purchasing system; and
- e) receiving said music item selection.

11. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 10 further comprising the step, after step b and before step c, of identifying said music item.

12. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 11, wherein said step of identifying said music item comprises the following steps:

- a) entering said recorded music item into a central processing unit;
- b) analyzing and comparing said recorded musical item to music contained in a database; and
- c) identifying a music selection providing the closest match to said recorded music item

13. A process of identifying music comprising:
- a) providing a recorded musical segment;
 - b) entering said musical segment into a central processing unit;
 - c) analyzing and comparing said musical segment to a database of musical works;
 - d) identifying at least one closest match; and
 - e) generating database information regarding said at least one closest match.

14. A music identification/purchasing system comprising:
- an interface having means for inputting recorded segment of music into a central processing unit;
 - wherein said central processing unit accesses a database containing music and musical information; and
 - wherein said segment is compared to said music contained in said database such that said segment can be identified;
 - and such information provided to a user through said interface.

15. A music identification/purchasing system comprising:
- a means for storing information related to a selected musical work;
 - a means for identifying said selected musical work based on said information;
 - a means for providing information related to said selected musical work; and
 - a means for purchasing said selected musical work or an item related to said selected musical work.

16. The music identification/purchasing system as recited in claim 15, wherein said means for storing information related to a selected musical work comprises a recording device.

17. The music identification/purchasing system as recited in claim 15, wherein said means for identifying said selected musical work comprises a central processing unit accessing a

database containing information related to a plurality of musical works.

18. The music identification/purchasing system as recited in claim 15 wherein said means for providing information related to said selected musical work comprises a user interface.

19. The music identification/purchasing system as recited in claim 15, wherein said means for purchasing comprises an ordering system including price, availability, shipping method, and payment options.

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